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North Korea/USSR/China (Manchuria)

SUBJECT

Absence of North Korean Populace

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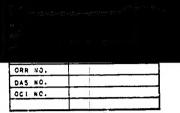
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supprised to see many North Korean towns in these areas completely devoid of North Korean civilians even though most of those towns had many good and liveble homes still stending.

- 2. "The fast that there are many livable homes in North Korea still standing is nontrary to the Communist propaganda line which I received while interned in Rorth Korea.
- 3. "At no time in North Korea did I ever see or hear of any immigration of letth Koreans to Manchuria or the USSR either forced or voluntary except during the summer of 1952. A very large number of refugees approximately one thousand came to Manpo. I do not know what happened to them, but they now have been sent to the USSR. The condition of these refugees was very porm. Most of them were hungry, and their clothes were very ragged.
- 4. "I have seen no indication that a part of the USSR was being set apart for lorth herean civilines, except that a waitress on the Trans-Siberian railread stated in early May 1953 that a large number of Korean children had been taken on the Trans-Siberian Railroad sometime in March or April 1953. It is prepared that they were taken all the way to Moscow."

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